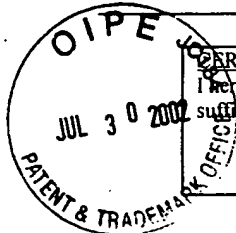


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In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement of June 24, 2002, Applicants elect Species A, drawn to Figs. 1-8, without traverse. Claims 1-13 are readable upon the elected species. [In addition, Applicants believe that Species B, drawn to Fig. 9, includes at least claims 1 and 5. As both of these claims are also common to Species A, Applicants request that Species B be examined together with Species A.] Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.



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